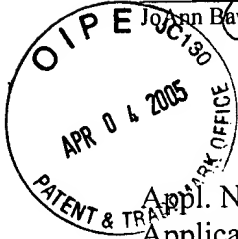


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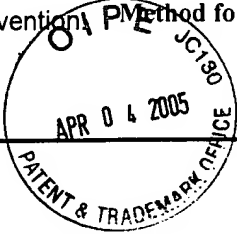


**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Quayle Office Action of February 4, 2005, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after April 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Invention: <b>Method for Planarizing a Semiconductor Contactor</b>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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